

Greetings,

I (and 400+ community members) continue to be stunned and disappointed that despite multiple promises by the County to answer questions and concerns about the proposed Rehabilitation Center ("RC") construction on Seven Locks, the County Executive has released the budget proposal for 2024 including the final funding for it. Not only does it appear that the site was selected de-facto without process, options, or safety factors being considered, but officials have broken repeated promises to conduct debriefings and are already in the design phase without soliciting community input regarding security and safety.

I fully support Behavioral Health and addiction services such as these, however believe that the crisis counseling services should not be located near ANY residential area, rather in a commercial or light industrial neighborhood with easy access to mass transit and to hospital emergency facilities capable of addressing the most severe cases.

An estimated 1,800 individuals with mental health and substance abuse crises will be served 24/7/365 with little exterior security, a voluntary release policy, and no public transportation offered between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am.

The lack of transparency in plans has been astounding. I urge you to please consider rejecting this component of the budget and address the safety concerns of the 400+ people that oppose these plans: <https://www.change.org/keepsevenlockssafe>.

Best,
Krystal